

## CLAIMS

1. A method for providing a remote with a stand alone capability to connect calls independently, wherein the remote normally connects through a host that  
5 provides call connectivity to a remote user, comprising the steps of:

downloading data from the host to the remote needed for basic connectivity;  
and

- 10 triggering the stand alone capability upon the detection communication link failure between the remote and the host.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of downloading downloads line data needed for connecting calls.

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3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of downloading downloads call services to support a minimum quality of service.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is Centrex data.

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5. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is multi line hunt group data.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing at least one service that effects the stand alone capability.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein the service is a download service.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the service is an administration change notification service that provides that administration changes have been made to Subscriber Data required by the remote for call connectivity.

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9. The method of claim 6, wherein the service is a Database Synchronization and Status Service that provides a mechanism to ensure that administration changes to subscriber data are properly reported to the remote.

10 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the remote is a remote digital terminal (RDT) that operates in compliance with the GR303 standard.

11. An apparatus for providing a remote with a stand alone capability to connect calls independently, wherein the remote normally connects through a  
15 host that provides call connectivity to a remote user, comprising the steps of:

a downloading service for downloading data from the host to the remote needed for basic connectivity; and

20 a triggering function the stand alone capability upon the detection communication link failure between the remote and the host.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the downloading service downloads line data needed for connecting calls.

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13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the downloading service downloads call services to support a minimum quality of service.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the data is Centrex data.

15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the data is multi line hunt group data.

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16. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising an administration change notification service that provides that administration changes have been made to Subscriber Data required by the remote for call connectivity.

10 17. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a Database Synchronization and Status Service that provides a mechanism to ensure that administration changes to subscriber data are properly reported to the remote.

15 18. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the remote is a remote digital terminal (RDT) that operates in compliance with the GR303 standard.